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JIDDA FOR AMBASSADOR ATHERTON

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SUBJECT: JORDAN CROWN PRINCE HASSAN AND PEACE PROCESS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY PARA. 5 REFTTEL, CROWN PRINCE ONLY STATED TO US THAT KING HUSSEIN HAD AUTHORIZED HIM TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING ON LONDON TALKS WHILE IN THE U. S. CROWN PRINCE ADDED THAT HE WOULD LIKE IF POSSIBLE TO SEE VANCE OR RPT OR BRZEZINSKI; IF THAT NOT POSSIBLE, TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM ATHERTON OR SAUNDERS. CROWN PRINCE WAS ALSO VERY RELAXED ON TIMEFRAME OF BRIEFING WHEN HE TALKED TO ME.

2. MY OWN GUESS IS THAT KING HUSSEIN, AT CROWN PRINCE'S REQUEST, GAVE CROWN PRINCE (POSSIBLY EVEN RELUCTANTLY) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR U. S. BRIEFING ON LONDON TALKS.

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ALSO, KING I BELIEVE DID SO BEFORE HE KNEW ABOUT ATHERTON VISIT HERE TO BRIEF KING ON LONDON TALKS DIRECTLY.

3. CROWN PRINCE VISITS TO U. S. ON POLITICAL MATTERS ARE PROBABLY ALWAYS TREATED WITH SOME RESERVE BY KING, ALTHOUGH HE PROBABLY ACCEDES RELUCTANTLY TO CROWN PRINCE'S ARM-TWISTING. WE SHOULD ALSO ADD THAT MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE

IN KING'S MIND IS TO ACHIEVE HIS OWN VISIT TO THE U. S. IN
COMING PERIOD AND ANYTHING DETRACTING FROM THAT POSSIBILITY
HE WOULD FROWN UPON.

4. NEVERTHELESS, I THINK WE SHOULD PERMIT CROWN PRINCE TO
SEE SOMEONE IN WASHINGTON AND ASSUME THAT HE DOES HAVE
AUTHORIZATION FROM KING HUSSEIN TO DO SO. MY OWN PREFERENCE
WOULD BE TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF ATHERTON JULY 24 - 26 VISIT
HERE AND POSSIBLY ATHERTON'S RETURN TO THE U. S. AND THEN
HAVE CROWN PRINCE COME TO WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS PRIOR
TO THE VISIT OF SECRETARY VANCE TO THE AREA. I BELIEVE THIS
WOULD PERMIT ATHERTON MISSION TO BE COMPLETED AND ALLOW KING
HUSSEIN TO CAP CROWN PRINCE VISIT BY DEALING DIRECTLY WITH
SECRETARY ON HIS AUGUST VISIT HERE. AT SAME TIME, CALL IN
WASHINGTON IN THIS PERIOD WOULD SATISFY CROWN PRINCE BY
GIVING HIM A ROLE IN INTERIM PERIOD BETWEEN ATHERTON AND
SECRETARY'S VISITS; HE COULD THEN REASSURE KING HUSSEIN
REGARDING THE BRZEZINSKI/BIN SHAKER TALKS MENTIONED IN PARA.
3 REFTL, (ALTHOUGH SHARAF TOLD ME A FEW DAYS AGO THAT HE
THOUGHT TOO MUCH HAD BEEN MADE OF BRZEZINSKI/BIN SHAKER
DISCUSSIONS IN TERMS OF INDICATING A TOUGH U. S. LINE.)
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